

FIELDHOUSE DEDICATION MONDAY, DEC. 8

Sharp Wind Fails To Cool Ardor Of Old Grads

CAMPUS WEARS EXTRA TRIMMINGS FOR GALA WEEK-END

Damp weather and a sharp north wind did not slow down homecoming activities on the week-end of November 2.

The Pumas did their share to liven the homecoming spirit by romping over Carroll College, of Waukesha, Wisconsin, 26-7.

Alumni returned to find the campus in gay trimmings as the various residence halls competed in a decorations contest. Drexel Hall (the Old Indian School) was winner.

Residents of Drexel built a fenced-in cemetery plot in their front yard. Tombstones, bearing the name of a past opponent and the score of the game, marked newly made graves. A hole with a coffin beside it was reserved for Carroll. Since Illinois Wesleyan was a tie game, the Drexel-ities couldn't very well bury that opponent, so they bandaged up a dummy football player and put him in a wheel chair. Plots were reserved for St. Norbert and Valparaiso.

Seifert Hall had two live pigs in a pen in its front yard. Signs
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DIRECT SCHOOL PAPERS

The Rev. Leonard Cross, '27-'31, and the Rev. Richard Baird, '32-'35, are doing fine work as faculty advisers of student news, papers. The Shamrock, of Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, under direction of Father Cross, recently went from mimeographed to printed form. The Lions' Roar, of St. Mary's High School, Perth Amboy, N. J., was started a month ago by Father Baird.

BIBLIOGRAPHER



REV. CLETUS DIRKSEN

In commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the economic encyclical "Rerum Novarum," by Pope Leo XIII, a bibliography of Economic literature, by Catholic authors will be published by the Rev. Cletus Dirksen, C.P.P.S., '25-'26, professor at St. Joseph's, in collaboration with Dr. Paul J. Fitzpatrick, head of the department of Economics, Catholic University.

The bibliography, which will come from the Catholic University Press in a few weeks, will list 385 books and 277 pamphlets. It is compiled to meet the needs of numerous students, teachers, librarians, and research workers who have asked for a complete list of books on economic subjects written in English by Catholics during the past 50 years.

The work is a revision of the thesis Father Dirksen submitted for his Master of Arts Degree in Economics, which he received at Catholic University last June.

Priest Views Foreign Policy

"For some time I have been getting more skeptical about F. D. R.'s doings, but from the time he started playing ball with the Bolsheviks I have come to dislike them," said the Rev. Maurice Meyers, son of Judge Edward W. Meyers and Mrs. Meyers, who is stationed as a priest for the Russian settlement in Shanghai, China, in a letter received here by the young priest's parents.

Prior to being assigned to Shanghai, Meyers was stationed in the Collegium Russicum in Rome, where he pursued special studies in old Russian form of Catholic worship.

THIS ARTICLE by the Rev. Maurice Meyers, S. J., '26-'30, appeared in the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, October 7, 1941.

The young priest writes interestingly about the tense situation in Shanghai occasioned by the Jap-Chinese war, particularly when he describes consternation created when, without any warning, barbed wire entanglements were thrown about a Summer camp in which Russian divinity students were quartered in charge of Meyers and a Father Wilcock.

"Our camp came to an abrupt and unexpected end on Sunday, August 24," says Meyers in his letter. "We had been intending to continue up to September 1. On that Sunday, we had an especially large crowd of people visiting us. As they arrived in the morning they reported that barb-wire barricades were going up in the vicinity of our camp and began to wonder if they could get out safely to go home

"By afternoon it began to seem we were being shut up in our camp so Father Wilcock decided it would be better to go while the going was good, especially
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Pumas To Meet Illinois Wesleyan In Home Opener

BP. NOLL, FR. DIRKSEN, SPORTS WRITER, MAYOR, AND HIPSKIND TO TALK

Ceremonies for the fieldhouse dedication will get under way at 7:30 p. m. Monday, December 8.

The Rev. Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., as master of ceremonies, will introduce the following speakers: The Most Rev. John F. Noll, D. D., bishop of the diocese of Fort Wayne; the Very Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., president of St. Joseph's; J. Henry Hipskind, president of the Alumni Association; William Fox, sports editor of the Indianapolis News, and Mayor Conrad Kellner, of Rensselaer.

This portion of the program will last until 8 o'clock. The following half hour, while the teams warm up, will be turned over to Prof. Paul Tonner for a band concert.

Judging from past performances, the St. Joe-Illinois Wesleyan tilt should be one of the best of the season. The local quintet will be out to balance the record; because of the five basketball engagements between the schools during the past two seasons, the Titans have come out on top three times.

All contests were very, very close. For example, the last time the two teams clashed, Wesleyan won 56-55. Wesleyan took another one point victory over the Pumas in the finals of the tourney that decided the Midwest Intercollegiate Championship.

CAPTAINS TEAM

LOUISVILLE.—Charles Simms of the class of '41, is captain of the St. Matthew's eleven of the Louisville Independent Football League.

CONTACT

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Sincerely Yours

Sir:

Father Gottemoeller and I have just returned from Dickinson where we attended the funeral of Father Anthony Wagner, '95-'96.

Thirty-six diocesan, Benedictine, and Precious Blood Fathers were in St. Patrick's Church to pay their last respects to a noble and zealous man.

In his funeral sermon, the Rt. Rev. Vincent Ryan, bishop of the diocese of Bismark, pointed out that Father Wagner had been one of the pioneers in North Dakota. He came about forty years ago when there was but one diocese in the state, that of Fargo. He labored in a large mission territory along the border of Canada across to Montana, using up most of his personal belongings in building up his missions, erecting many mission chapels, making himself beloved by all with whom he came in contact.

Five years ago Father Wagner retired because of illness; from then on he resided in the Dickinson hospital. During his last years he was an example to all of patience and resignation to God's will. In fact, he was glad that he could suffer. As long as he was physically able, he wanted to celebrate Mass. On Friday he celebrated his last Mass; on the following Sunday he died (Oct. 26).

Michael A. Spégle, C.P.P.S., '31-'35,
St. Joseph Rectory,
Killdeer, North Dakota.

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Sir:

Please send me about 75 subscription blanks for the Fieldhouse Fund.

Charles Fromer, '18-'23'
Attica, Ind.

(Editor's Note: Attaboy Charley!)

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Sir:

There is not much to offer in the way of news in this locality, outside the recent appointments of Fathers James Dwyer to St. Rose in Lima and Joseph Pastorek to St. Joseph's in Tiffin.

Rev. Joseph O'Leary, '31-'34,
SS. Peter and Paul,
Sandusky, Ohio.

(Editor's Note: Anything about any alumnus is news).

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Sir:

After leaving St. Joseph's in 1900, I taught school in Somonauk, Ill., for three years. Then I entered the Chicago Law School where in June 1906 I received my LL.B.

Until coming here five years ago, I was associated with the Chicago Title and Trust Company.

Recently I met the Rev. William H. Neuhaus, an alumnus of St. Joseph's and an assistant at St. James in this city; so we have a great deal in common. If he is still here in June, we will take a trip to St. Joseph's.

Joseph A. Meyer, '97-'00,
Orlando, Florida.

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Sir:

I have a fine position in the Finance Department at Patterson Field, Dayton.

Give my best regards to St. Joe's faculty and students. I miss them all.

Joseph Leugers, class of '40,
1000 Huffman Ave.,
Dayton, O.

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Sir:

I have been in the army more than six months now and every day I wish more and more that I was still a student at St. Joe.

Pvt. Robert Gutting,
Company B, 12th Inf.,
Fort Dix, New Jersey.

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Sir:

The army caught me in the draft last June, and here I am at Fort Hayes doing work similar to the courses I had at St. Joe. I am in the hospital lab making blood and differential counts, running urinalyses, Wasserman's, Kahn's, blood sugars, etc.

I thank God I have had such fine training in the above work while at St. Joe. Without that background I would never have had the opportunity here in the lab.

Ted Staudt, class of '39,
Station Hospital,
Fort Hayes,
Columbus, Ohio.

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Sir:

Joseph Sulzer, '93-'94, died July 18, 1941. Please remember him in your prayers.

Mrs. Joseph L. Sulzer,
496 East 110th St.,
Cleveland, O.

Editor's Note: Other former students whose deaths have been brought to the attention of the alumni office during the past month are: William Osborne, '21-'22, Lebanon, Ky.; Frank Seltzer, '18-'19, Fremont, O.; John Osterloh, '06-'07, Minster, O., and Dr. Arthur Ossege, '19-'20, Perryburg, O.

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Sir:

I heard from home that you beat Butler. Having played on both teams I was much interested and was gratified by the St. Joe victory. I have never felt as close to Butler as I have to St. Joe, although St. Joe goes farther back in my memory.

I have recently been assigned to command this vessel which was formerly a Grace Liner. It cannot compare with the New Mexico. However, it is nice to command the ship, whereas I was gunnery officer and third from command on the New Mexico.

This war is rather grim and real for us.

Joseph H. Seyfried, '12-'16,
U. S. S. Bowditch.



Turn Back the Clock

FOOTBALL, when introduced to the campus in the twilight years of the past century, was reduced to its essentials—an probably even a few of those were missing—according to the way Brother Dave remembers it now.

EQUIPMENT was all student-made. "It was a funny looking sight," said the Collegeville barber, "when Romuald Smith, halfback, used to wrap a bed sheet around his head for use as a headgear. We used to cut out pieces of leather and nail them to our shoes for cleats. Lots of fellows wore only tennis shoes, and when somebody with cleats stepped on their feet, it usually meant trouble. For jerseys and moleskins we wore ordinary sweaters and knee pants. We didn't know what shoulder pads were."

RULES of the game have changed quite a bit through the years, said Brother Dave. "We only had to make five yards for a first down in our time. There was no such thing as a forward pass. We only heard of two plays, a line plunge and a criss-cross.

THE GRIDIRON was located where the horse pasture was, and still is, west of the campus. The field wasn't the smoothest thing in Indiana, as Brother Dave recalls it, and the horses had to be chased off at the beginning of every game.

OVERTIME games were not uncommon here in the Pioneering Nineties; because Father Clement Schuette loved to watch a football game. "Let 'em go, let 'em go," he used to say to the time keeper when time came to call the game.

COLUMBUS DAY, 1896, St. Joseph's played its first football game with an off campus team. The Collegians defeated Rensselaer 10-8. The game which started at 4 o'clock that Monday afternoon was played in twenty-minute halves.

STARTING LINEUP for that first game that opened the history of St. Joe football was: LE, Snyder; LT, Steinbrunner; LG, Boeke; C, Reichert; RG, Byrne; RT, B. Maloy; RE, O'Neil; QB, Mungovan; LH, McLaughlin; RH, Fralich; FB, Besinger.

TWO TOUCHDOWNS and a dropkick after touchdown gave the collegians their 10 points. Touchdowns were worth four points each, and the try after touchdown counted two. According to an old Collegian, "A criss-cross by McLaughlin around right end was good for 70 yards and St. Joseph's first touchdown amid the inspiring strains of the band and the frantic cheers of the spectators." The rest of the scoring was described as follows, "A criss-cross and Fralich covered the intervening 30 yards with the team at his heels. McNeil kicked goal."

THE ROUNDUP

by



Coach Joe Dienhart

UNDEFEATED and one game to go is the way the football schedule stands to date. Valparaiso University, our most traditional rival, is the only team that can mar our clean slate. That final contest will be played here at 10 o'clock Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 20.

DARKEST SPOT on the season's record is a 12-12 tie with Illinois Wesleyan University. The victories read: Butler 13-6; Toledo 3-0; Loras 13-0; Detroit Tech 5-0; Central Normal 20-0; Carroll 26-7, and St. Norbert 10-0.

THE MYTHICAL Catholic Intercollegiate Championship of the Midwest was conceded to the Pumas with their victory over St. Norbert, the Green Knights having defeated last year's title holder, St. Ambrose.

SIXTY-SIX points, plus what he might score against Valpo should make Fullback Pete Varini second highest scorer in the state. Ed McGovern, of Rose Poly, has a comfortable lead.

DON'T FORGET the fieldhouse dedication is set for Monday night, December 8.

THE BASKEBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 3—	Illinois Normal	T
Dec. 5—	Chicago Teachers	T
Dec. 8—	Illinois Wesleyan	H
Dec. 13—	James Milliken	T
Dec. 16—	St. Norbert	H
Dec. 20—	Earlham	H
Jan. 9—	Toledo	T
Jan. 12—	Indiana State	T
Jan. 15—	Central Normal	H
Jan. 17—	Evansville	T
Jan. 19—	Rider College	H
Feb. 3—	Valparaiso	H
Feb. 7—	James Milliken	H
Feb. 9—	Indiana State	H
Feb. 12—	Wabash	T
Feb. 17—	Central Normal	T
Feb. 21—	Chicago Teachers	H
Feb. 24—	Illinois Wesleyan	T
Feb. 27—	Loras	H
Mar. 2—	John Carroll	T
Mar. 6—	Valparaiso	T

Dan E. Kelly, Jr., '30-'31, is working at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago.

Cook County President Recalls Anecdotes Of Student Days

CHICAGO.—The president of the Cook County Alumni Chapter, Paul A. Kirchner, has been connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad all except two of the past twenty years.

After taking a three-year Commercial Course at St. Joe from 1916 until 1919, he became employed in the accounting department of the Pennsy. From 1938 until 1940, he was connected with the Auditor of Expenditure's office of the Milwaukee Railroad. Since returning to the Pennsylvania, Mr. Kirchner has been in the Chief Engineer's Department, handling construction accounting.

The Cook county president married 19 years ago. He has a 13-year-old daughter. His brother, Clarence, now located in Battle Creek, Mich., was at St. Joe from '20-'22.

"My memories of St. Joe are many and varied," said the chapter leader. "For instance, I like to think about the junior football team we had which was coached by Bosco Lear, an ex-president of our chapter. For little fellows, that team was plenty hot.

"Then there were the times we would steal out of the dorm at night and go down to the lake for a swim. We never tried to do that while in Brother William's dorm. That would have been certain death.

"I'll never forget the afternoon a horseshoe contest was being staged in the smoking club grove. One of the contestants nicknamed, Sambo, (now the Rev. George Dunn of St. Bartholomew's Church, Columbus, Ind.) had a chew in his mouth. He almost always had one. In those days that was very much against the rules. To get caught meant a two bit fine, and to be booked on the next Wednesday or Saturday under the special guidance of Brother Bill. That meant write endless chapters of the New Testament.

"While the contest was in progress, Father Bart came around the corner of the gym. There was no time for Sambo to duck his chew; so he held it. Father Bart stood and stood, and Dunn's Adam's apple went up and down, up and down. His face was red, and yet it was



PAUL KIRCHNER

green.

"Finally Father Bart turned and started to leave. After he had taken a few steps, the tension started to ease. Then Father Bart slowly turned around and said, 'Well, Sambo, you can get rid of it now, but come in the office this evening and pay your fine.'

"You could seldom, if ever, fool Father Bart.

"But the thing I remember most vividly and for which I am most thankful is the religious side of my education at St. Joe."

FATHER MEYERS VIEWS FOREIGN SITUATION

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as the international situation was getting a bit foggy. We hired two river junks, piled all of our things in them, climbed in ourselves and had a glorious trip down the river to the French wharf.

Went Back With Boys

"I hated to go as did most of the boys. Later I went back and investigated and found that we could still get in and out by going a round about way. The Japs weren't bothering us at all, merely taking precautionary measures. I have been back a couple of times therefore with

the kids for a swim.

"Since coming back to town I have spent most of the time at the Russian Church, but now I am back at the thelogiate getting ready for classes which begin in about a week. I have set up a little oriental chapel here in the house where I say mass every day. One of the Italian scholastics here had been at Rome when I was there and sang in the oriental chapel with us there, so he is able to sing for me at mass. I shall break in others later on. I have several volunteers who would be very glad to be able to sing for a Russian mass.

Spend Summer at Camp

"My Summer of constant contact with the boys at camp has done my Russian a lot of good. I talk much more freely than I used to and am hardly a bit bashful about making mistakes. This is a great step forward for me. I have become acquainted with various people, among them a journalist, working on the local Russian paper.

"He has put several things in the paper about our work at the camp, to which he was a frequent visitor. I am not sure what the orthodox bishop thinks about our getting publicity, but I can guess he is not over pleased. He often calls up the Russian newspaper men and gives them some warm talking to, when they don't happen to please him. He is in fact, if not in theory, the head of the Russian colony here.

Situation Varies

"People have almost stopped wondering when the war is going to begin out here. One day it seems inevitable and the next, things are more quiet. At the present there is a lull in the tension here due to the letter of the Jap Premier to Roosevelt.

"Our house here in Shanghai is, I am willing to bet, the most cosmopolitan in all the society. This year in addition to representatives of the various nations who were here last year, we have Hollanders and a Javanese from the missions of Java. This is quite a Babel, where Latin is the only common language."

While in Rome Father Meyers pursued extensive study in the Catholic ritual of the old Russian Church, including the exemplification of the ancient Russian mass.

Father Meyers received his preliminary education for the priesthood in various Catholic Institutions in the United States.

REMEMBER



CHARLES J. PIROLA

CHICAGO.—The gym fire, the rubber ice that always added a super-thrill to sliding on the lake after the first freeze, and the famous battery of Joe Lill and Ed Beckman are among the memories Charles J. Pirola, '10-'14, has of the days he spent in Collegeville.

The bachelor, who was recently elected vice-president of the Cook County Chapter, said, "I'll never forget the time the horizontal bar broke and Father Albin took a spill. And I'll always remember getting help in Latin from Brother Cob. And then there was the sermon Father Titus gave describing the country folk coming to church through the snow for Christmas Mass; I haven't heard one since that came up to it. Of course, I'll never forget the time someone rubbed limberger cheese on the radiators of the second floor study hall.

Mr. Pirola calls politics his hobby, but he doesn't make a living at it. As he said, "I have followed building for a livelihood. Now I buy buildings, fix them up, and then sell them. It is nice work, if you can sell them for more than you pay."

Alumnus Pirola enrolled at Northwestern University after leaving St. Joe. He interrupted his education by joining the British Expeditionary Forces in 1917. He served with the B. E. F. until he was sent back in April, 1919. He did not return to school, and regrets it.

Bob Nieset Earns Reputation At U.

ANN ARBOR, MICH.—One of the most brilliant young men on the University of Michigan campus is Robert Nieset, '26-'32.

He received his M. A. at the university while holding a teaching fellowship in zoology. Last spring he won the Horace Rackham Fellowship, worth \$1,000 annually, and given to five out of the 2,000 graduates. It is given as long as the benefactor works for his doctorate.

The former St. Joe student is doing research work on the biological effect of radiation. He is testing the effects of the new cyclotron, in combating cancer. The cyclotron, a \$20,000 machine is used by Mr. Nieset five hours each week at a cost of \$300 an hour.

The former Gibsonburg, Ohio, student recently designed an apparatus for the preservation of tissues without chemical change. It is used in the study of cellology.

Miss Betty Young became the bride of Mr. Nieset last June.

Con Fecher Attends Insurance Convention

DAYTON.—Con J. Fecher, Ph. D., '11-'14, was one of the 200 honored top club members of the New York Life Insurance Underwriters invited to the annual convention in Sun Valley, Idaho, September 14 to 19. The University of Dayton professor holds the distinction of attending the convention for 13 consecutive years.

GOOD SCOUT



HENRY F. CONTANT

FORT WAYNE.—"My many fond memories of the old days at St. Joe will live as long as I do," said Henry F. Contant, '10-'13, president of the local alumni chapter.

"But the greatest thrill to me is to have seen my alma mater grow, in recent years, into a modern and beautiful college, while retaining a religious background which means so much in the training of young men for any vocation," continued the man who learned by experience what was good for young men during his years of work in the Boy Scout Organization.

Mr. Contant, engineer for the Pennsylvania, has been employed by that road ever since leaving St. Joe 28 years ago. He holds membership in the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Church, the American Legion, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

His son, Robert, attended St. Joe from '39 until '41, and is now studying at St. Gregory Seminary, Cincinnati.

Fr. Ley Resigns As Unit Chaplain

CHICAGO.—The Rev. Sylvester Ley, C.P.P.S., '13-'18, chaplain for many years of the Cook County Alumni Chapter, resigned in favor of the Rev. Boniface Dreiling, C.P.P.S., '26-'31, at the October 28 meeting. Father Ley said that he thinks the priest who canvasses for students in the Chicago area should be chairman of the local alumni.

The annual student-alumni dinner to be held December in the Hotel Sherman was discussed. It will be open to parents and friends of the alumni and students.

Herbert Vilim promised to reserve a section for alumni at the St. Joe-Chicago Teachers basketball game, Friday night, December 5.

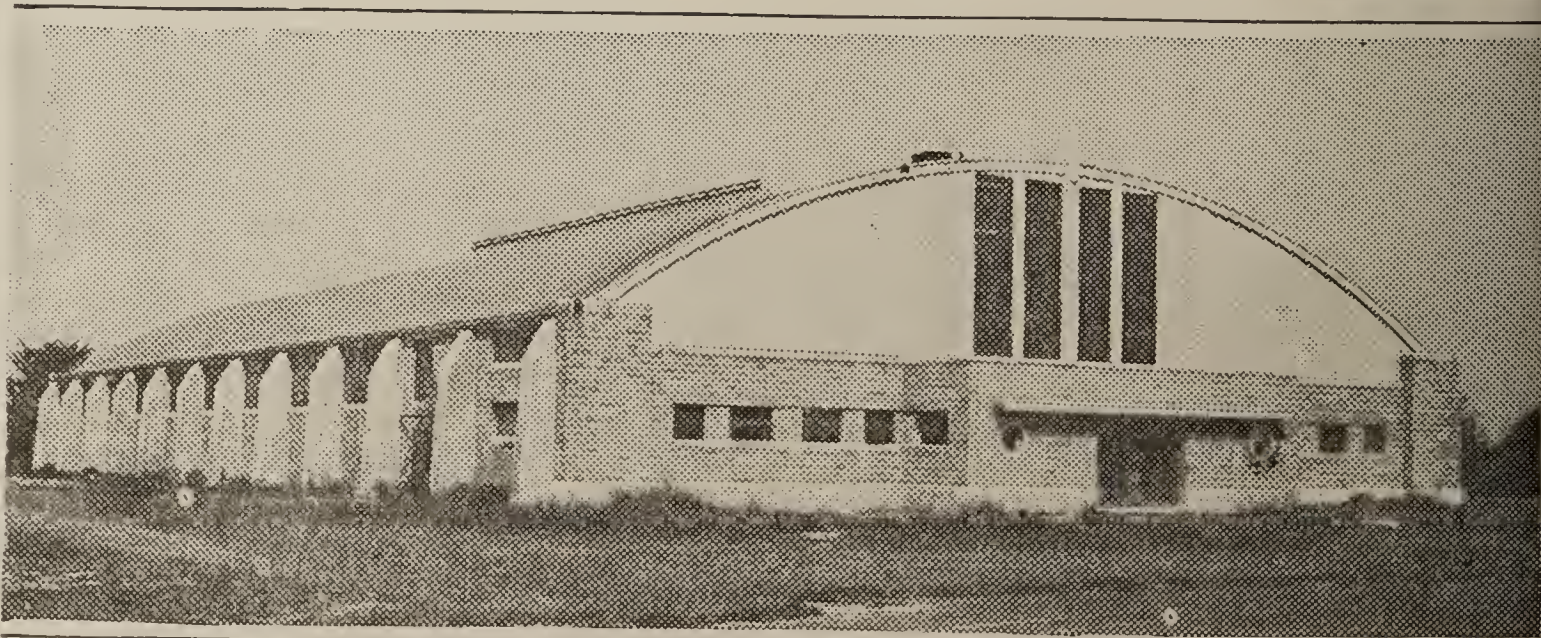
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on the pen read "Rootin' for St. Joe," and "Seifert Shoats." The board protruded from a second story window of Seifert. From it a stuffed dummy, representing a Carroll player, hung by its finger tips. On the board crouched a puma.

A covered wagon, a giant spider web with St. Joe as the spider and Carroll as the fly, and a dozen other novel ideas brightened the campus over the weekend.

An informal meeting of former students in the dining room of Lunghi's restaurant and in the Raleigh Club was climaxed with the homecoming dance in the Rensselaer Armory.



Alumni are invited to attend the fieldhouse dedication ceremony set for Monday night, December 8. The program of talks will begin at 7:30; the game between St. Joseph's and Illinois Wesleyan is scheduled for 8:30.